

CHAPTER NO. 244

SENATE BILL NO. 273

By Haynes

Substituted for: House Bill No. 771

By Briley

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to benefit review conferences.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:


SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-237, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) When a benefit review conference is held, both the employee and the employer, or the employer's insurer, shall provide that a person with the authority to settle the dispute attends the conference. Failure to provide such a person in attendance without good cause at a conference by an employer or insurer shall subject the employer or insurer to a penalty of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

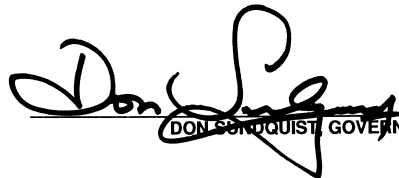
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 16, 2001


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 22nd day of May 2001


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR